

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute paragraph [0015] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] The present invention has the object of providing a cap that, by simple and inexpensive arrangements, makes it possible to improve the sealing effect between the cap and the container, simplify the operations required for manufacturing the cap and fitting it on the container, and reduce the costs associated with the caps and with container closure operations[[/]] while improving the hygienic quality of the product.

Please add the following paragraphs after paragraph [0055] of the specification:

[0055.1] FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional view of still another embodiment of the invention, which includes a bushing disposed outside of a cup-shaped element;

[0055.2] FIG. 5 is a schematic cross-sectional view of still another embodiment of the invention, which includes a bushing disposed within a cup-shaped element;

[0055.3] FIG. 6 is a schematic cross-sectional view of still another embodiment of the invention, which includes a disk-like seal disposed within a cup-shaped element;

[0055.4] FIG. 7 is a schematic cross-sectional view of still another embodiment of the invention, which includes an aperture in a cup-shaped element closed by a transparent window;